

STATE OF NEVADA



COMMISSION ON ETHICS

**COMMISSION PANEL DETERMINATION
REGARDING JUST AND SUFFICIENT CAUSE
NRS 281.511(3)**

COMMISSION PANEL: GEORGE KEELE AND JIM KOSINSKI

**IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST FOR OPINION
CONCERNING THE CONDUCT OF
Harold Swafford, District Attorney
Storey County**

**Request for Opinion
No. 06-44**

On September 8, 2006, pursuant to NRS 281.462, a Commission Panel reviewed the Executive Director's Report and Recommendations regarding Just and Sufficient Cause, the request for opinion filed herein, and all other documents related to this matter. The Panel determined that just and sufficient cause does not exist for the Commission to hold a hearing and render an opinion on the allegation that Mr. Swafford violated the provisions of NRS 281.481(2) and 281.481 (7). The Panel then dismissed the complaint. Specifically, the panel found no evidence of any act in violation of the Ethics in Government Law by Mr. Swafford in response to the allegations that he used his official position to obtain an unwarranted benefit when he placed a newspaper advertisement for his re-election that included his official county telephone number and e-mail address. The Panel also specifically found no evidence that Mr. Swafford received any telephone calls or e-mails as a result of the newspaper advertisement nor did the Panel find any evidence that placement of the ad resulted in any cost to Storey County in violation of NRS 281.481(7) (c).

The Request for Opinion is, therefore, DISMISSED.

DATED: September 11, 2006

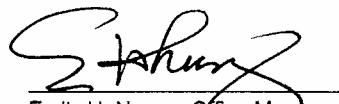

L. Patrick Hearn
Executive Director

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that I am an employee of the Nevada Commission on Ethics and that on this day at Carson City, Nevada, I placed a true and correct copy of the Commission Panel Determination Regarding Just and Sufficient Cause in an envelope and caused it to be sent via certified mail, addressed as follows:

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Dated: September 12, 2006


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